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REPORT

To Our Readers - Owners

NEW TYPE FACE

This sentence is set in a more readable type face that that used until this issue by East Bay Labor Journal. From now on it is our intention to use this handsomer and clearer type throughout the paper.

Just to show our readers the difference, the following paragraph had been set up in the old type for use in the OPINIONS column on the editorial page:

We have got to stop avoiding holding President Eisenhower responsible for the actions of his lieutenants and the Republican Party." — Governor-elect Harriman of New York.

The above example of our former type face is as it appears to the reader even smaller than when we see it here in the editorial room or composing room on a proof sheet. The reason for this is that in the process of stereotyping there is a shrinkage. All the more reason why we need a new type face for more readability.

The increased readability is achieved in two ways: first, by improved design of the actual letters; second, by very slightly increasing the height of the type and the distance between the lines.

THE PRINTER'S POINT

In typographical terms, the slug, or space between the lines, is one point more than it was, and the height of the type is one point more.

A point is only about one-seventy-second of an inch, or to put it more accurately, it is 0.138 of an inch.

Surprising, isn't it, how much difference so small an adjustment makes?

But since so small an adjustment does make such a difference to the eye, we attain good deal more readability with relatively little sacrifice of space.

However, we do suggest to our staff that since the type to be used in East Bay Labor Journal from here on out is a little larger, it is just as well to make our writing a little more concise.

PRINTING WEEK, TOO!

The reader will note also that the heading of this very column is in a more modern headline type, that the same note of modernity is to be observed in the new masthead at the top of this page, and in other standing heads throughout the paper.

We are looking forward to making some other typographical improvements in the not too distant future. By the time all of them are achieved, we believe that the paper will present a generally better appearance.

Appropriately enough, Printing Week, which runs from January 16 through January 22, is still current as East Bay Labor Journal comes out in its improved typographical dress.

Incidentally, there's nothing we men in the editorial department like to talk big about more than typography. The truth is that most of us know very little about it. So, after consulting with the paper's typographical expert and carefully writing down the full name of the new type, we here and now announce that its name is:

Ionic No. 5, with bold face No. 2; 8-point type on a 9-point slug.

Teamsters 70 Organize Livermore Lab Drivers

Bill Cabral, Teamsters 70 business representative in Hayward, announced this week the successful union organization of all truck drivers at the Livermore Radiation Laboratory after a three year organizing campaign.

Fee Has Flu

William P. Fee, assistant secretary, Central Labor Council, has been having a tussle with the flu.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

The following unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 3 of this issue of the Journal.

CLERKS & LUMBER HANDLERS 939
HAYWARD PAINTERS 1178
SHEET METAL WORKERS 216
PAINTERS DISTRICT COUNCILS



VETERAN UNIONISTS HONORED—The seven officers and members of Automotive Machinists 1546 shown above represent collectively more than 175 years of continuous membership in the Local. Three of those in the group, having just reached 25-years of continuous membership this year, were awarded certificates and silver pins emblematic of their long union association at a special ceremony held on January 7 in the Labor Temple. The trio include C. R. Harris, A. J. Shepherd and R. J. Whittaker. Pictured above (front row, left to right) are Stephen Whittaker and E. H. Vernon, senior business representative. Back (left to right) are J. K. Waldron, Harris, Jack Clark, financial secretary; and William Clark. Also honored at the union ceremony was a large group of 15-year members who were received certificates and pins. Financial Secretary Clark announced that photographs of the 15-year group are now available in his office.

15 and 25 Year Pins Awarded Picket Passer at By Auto Machinists No. 1546

A crowd of 350 people, including members of Auto Machinists 1546, their wives and guests, took part in dual ceremonies conducted by Local 1546 in Hall M of the Labor Temple on the night of January 7. The ceremonies consisted of the annual installation of officers and the honoring of 15 and 25-year members.

Following the strictly union business, the unionists and their guests enjoyed a buffet dinner and then topped off the evening with several hours of dancing to the music of a four-piece orchestra.

Bill Alameda, a past president of Local 1546, was awarded the honor of installing the newly elected union officers. Those installed included E. F. Andrews, president; Manuel Francis, vice-president; A. J. Hayes, recording secretary; J. E. Clark, financial secretary; M. R. Dumas, treasurer; E. H. Vernon, senior business representative; Pat Hannan, conductor; and John Downs, trustee.

Also installed were Executive Board members E. Anderson, Nick Antone, W. J. Berryman, Chris Dixon, Manuel Francis, Pat Hannan, C. L. McMonagle, Tom Noel, B. Peterson, Harlow Schroll, W. P. Sveno and Bert Whitaker.

John J. King and Lloyd Poessnecker, both IAM Grand Lodge Representatives assigned to the Oakland regional office, attended the affair as guests and accepted with pleasure the honor of making the presentation of certificates and pins to three 25-year members. The trio of old-timers, each of whom received a silver pin, included A. R. Harris, A. J. Shepherd and R. J. Whittaker.

An interesting sidelight to the presentation of certificates and pins to twenty-two 15-year members was the fact that Jack Phillips made the presentation with the aid of E. H. Vernon. Phillips, a past president of Local 1546, was president when all of the 15-year members were first obligated by him into the union back in 1939. Phillips had a grand time joshing with the veterans.

Receiving the 15-year pins were Anker Andeson, L. Bonvicino, Frank Cabral, G. D. Carnes, A. R. Cox, Lloyd Darter, Joseph Garcia, E. T. Hayter, Robert Knapp, Floyd Lewis, Harry Mardirosian, E. C. Nolling, Albert Schwennig, John Silva, Clarence Sommers A. V. Stevens, H. O. Terrell, Oscar Thompson, C. M. Todd, D. C. Very, W. B. Villa and D. V. Wolkoff.

The following are the results of the annual election of officers of Alameda County School Employees 257 held on January 8:

Fred Venturi, president; Joe Donahue, vice-president; Joseph Falls, recording secretary; Bill Minnick, financial secretary; Victor Bartels, treasurer; and Bill Gardner, sergeant-at-arms.

Venturi replaces Homer Stevens, who served as Local president for six consecutive terms but declined nomination for another term.

Executive board members: Harold Benner, Carl Boldt, Henry Loretz, George Machado, George Moriarty and Henry Warnholz.

Central Labor Council delegates: Jack Caddel, Homer Stevens, Fred Venturi and Henry Warnholz.

Alameda County Voters League, AFL delegates: Stevens and Venturi.

Milk Drivers 302 Wins Case for Fired Member

A member of Milk Wagon Drivers & Dairy Employees 302 who was recently discharged from his job at a local dairy was returned to his former job following a decision rendered here by Arbitrator Arthur M. Ross on January 3.

The decision in favor of the employee was reached at a hearing requested by the Union, Al Brown, Local 302 business representative, handled the union side of the controversy against the Milk Dealers Association which represented the employer involved.

Ross upheld the union contention that the man was laid off improperly according to the seniority provision of the union agreement. The company had contended that its action against the employee was in the nature of a normal discharge.

CLC Election Rules: Seated By Jan. 24th!

The Central Labor Council was reminded again this week by Secretary Robert S. Ash that under the council's constitution, delegates who wish to vote in the February 7 election for officers and standing committees of the council must be sworn in by the meeting of January 24.

Nominations will be in order at the January 24 and 31 meetings.

Ernie Rossi Quits Non-Union Family; Opens Union Shop

Ernest Rossi has opened a new florist shop at 1920 Broadway and has signed a union contract this week with Gardeners 1206.

The announcement of the Oakland City Councilman's pro-labor action was welcomed by delegates at the Building Trades Council Tuesday evening after the information was reported to them by Business Representative J. L. Childers.

Childers emphasized the fact that Ernest Rossi had severed business relations with Tony Rossi and Sons who operate a non-union florist shop at 1508 Fruitvale Ave. The Fruitvale shop still remains on the "We Don't Patronize" list of the Alameda County Building Trades and Central Labor Councils.

The delegates were urged to remind the members of their respective unions to patronize only those florist shops which display the union shop card. There are several union establishments in the East Bay such as Ernest Rossi's.

WEBB TESTIMONIAL

Childers, on the council's behalf, will head for Los Angeles on February 3 to take part in the testimonial dinner honoring the new State Director of Industrial Relations, Ernest B. Webb.

Childers will also take an active part in the annual Governor's Safety Conference scheduled for February 3-4 in Los Angeles.

Webb, who was recently appointed to his new post by Governor Knight, is a long-time member and former official of Long Beach Painters Local 256. He is also a former secretary of the Long Beach Central Labor Council and held membership on the State Industrial Accident Commission prior to his new appointment replacing Paul Scharenberg.

The testimonial, to be held at the Statler Hotel, is being sponsored by the District Council of Painters No. 36 of Los Angeles County.

EYE CARE PLAN

After listening with interest to a detailed explanation of a new non-profit eye-care plan, the council authorized representatives of the California Group Vision Plan to lay their plan before the individual Locals affiliated with the council.

The subsequent proceedings indicated that Groulx's plausibility was ruffled by this. As he told the CLC delegates:

"We have realized from the start that it is necessary to bring in supplies for the patients. But we have assumed that companies introduced Ash to those in attendance.

It's a little known fact," said Clark, "that Brother Ash never finished his apprenticeship in this Local and he's still engaged on our books as an apprentice."

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Groulx added that he believed some deliberate effort was being made to encourage those passing the picket line to insult the pickets and stir up trouble.

"I have heard that Mr. Cantwell, representing the employers," concluded Groulx with great tranquility, "doesn't like our picket line."

The following officers of Teamsters 70 were sworn in to office for 1955 by W. J. Conboy, international representative; at special union ceremony held here on January 11:

Cly Stulting, president and business agent; Jerry Vercessi, vice-president; R. S. Straub, recording secretary; Frank A. DeMartini, secretary treasurer; Bill Cabral (Hayward office), Frank Church, Walter Earl, Elwood Heaney and Ernie Mulgrew, business agents; Gordon McGHugh, highway organizers; Angelo Pandolfi, special organizer; Joe Goncalves, Earl Platt and O. Wright, trustees; V. Moniz, warden; and W. Garibaldi, conductor.

Goncalves and Vercessi are the new Teamster delegates to the Central Labor Council.

The election will be held February 9.

Sohn has stepped out of the presidency of the union until the election for business agent is held, and meanwhile is acting as business agent by vote of the executive board.

Whoever is elected will be named for the unexpired term, which ends in January of next year. The regular term is 3 years.

Culinary Workers 31 Honors Four Members

Culinary Workers Alliance 31 honored four of its long-time members by awarding them lifetime paid-up membership pins at a regular meeting held on January 11.

The honored four, each with 20 years of continuous membership in Local 31, are Inez Figone, Henry Koolschin, Gus Mallios and John J. Phillips.

BTC Outlines Views Regarding Economic Prospects for 1955

(Following is the complete text of a public statement issued by the Building Trades Council. The statement, entitled "Economic Outlook For The Construction Industry-1955", was prepared by J. L. Childers, BTC business representative, and adopted unanimously by the council delegates at their January 11 meeting.)

The work outlook is very much better than last year at this time and probably better for our industry locally than for several years.

This opinion is based on facts reported by representatives of various unions, builders and both state and federal statistics and reports.

You will remember that last year at this time the "Hard Money Policy" had just been re-enacted, but the full effect of a year of this policy was being felt directly by a very marked decline in construction — particularly residential work and my prediction was for a poor first half with possibilities of a pickup in the fall.

This year the opposite may be true. There is a very substantial amount of work ready to go with the end of the heavy rains, work which should continue through the year — providing the credit facilities are not again tightened. There has been a slight hardening of the credit policy in December — not bad but it could be.

Further, no one knows yet where the saturation point is in GI homes. This saturation point could possibly be reached this fall.

PUBLIC HOUSING

1955 could easily see more residential building than our best previous year, 1950.

Industrial building will taper off further this year.

Highway construction will increase some over last year.

Class A building will not be as good this year as last, except for school construction which should be about the same as last year.

There are some state and local government buildings authorized, but not in the same volume as recent past years.

The state building program is up for review by this legislature, and even if the substantial amount needed is authorized, it will be about 18 months before we will have members employed on any of these jobs.

The urban renewal program for the city of Oakland is getting under way. This also could lead to a substantial amount of work for our members, but much remains to be done to make this program a beneficial one to the whole city and I expect myself and others will spend some of our time on it.

There is also a possibility of getting about 300 units of public housing going in Oakland, but I doubt that this will produce any jobs for us this year.

SOME CONCLUSIONS

There are some conclusions to be drawn from this outlook of which we should be aware.

1. We should have a good year for most crafts — it could be our best.

2. We should urge our representatives at all government levels to activate needed build-

(e) population increase.

EXPANSION NEEDED

These factors making for increased unemployment must be offset by an expanding economy — not a stable or declining national output. Authorities believe that a 7 or 8% increase is necessary each year to meet the needs of our population and provide a job opportunity for everyone who wants to work. This nation has not met this responsibility in the last few years.

An increase in activity in the construction industry which would be brought about if the program outlined above is followed would provide a stable base for the needed increase in our economy and provide a job opportunity for all — not directly in construction but in all sections of the economy.

AL BROWN'S ANALYSIS

Al Brown, Milk Drivers & Dairy Employees 302, a former president of the Central Labor Council, rose and said that the things which Burkett calls fraudulent are many of them preposterous.

For example, said Brown, if the applicant's card was not filled out correctly to the last detail, it was considered a fraudulent claim. If a man wanted work at his own craft, and received jobless pay when he couldn't get it, then that, too, said Brown, is listed as a fraudulent claim.

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HOW TO BUY**Watch Social Security Benefits**By SYDNEY MARGOLIUS
Labor Consumer Advisor for Labor Journal

how much Social Security he will get when he stops working. It is pitiful how often people need their Social Security benefits the most lose them because they don't understand what they are entitled to. For example, we have a letter from an elderly man who has been working part time and wondering how much Social Security he will get when he stops working. The answer is that he and his wife could have been collecting Social Security payments for some time, since he is 77. Another elderly man writes that he is waiting for payments to arrive. They never will if he doesn't visit the nearest Social Security office and apply for them.

While veterans' benefits are not part of Social Security, there is also a costly lack of knowledge of pension rights for veterans and their families.

A number of new Social Security rules have gone into effect beginning with 1955.

Widows Now Without Benefits: In past years thousands of widows and children under 18 were denied Social Security payments because their husbands did not have enough quarters of coverage under Social Security. Under the new law a widow 65 or older, or younger if she has children under 18, whose husband died between January 1, 1940 and September 1, 1950 can apply for benefits if the husband had as few as six calendar quarters of coverage (about a year and a half).

But as with all Social Security benefits, the widows themselves must apply for these payments. In fact, in this case application must be made no later than September, 1955.

Earnings Limits: Retired workers already getting payments, should understand the new rule on the amount that can be earned without forfeiting Social Security benefits. If you earn over \$1200 from employment or self-employment of any kind, whether covered employment or not, you lose part of your payments in proportion to the excess over \$1200.

Once you are 72, under the rule, you can earn any amount without losing payments. And as before, income from employer's or other private pensions, investments, etc., does not affect your payments.

Disability Provision: The new provision for a "freeze" of your earnings record is an im-

Speaking of Clothes**Inventory!**

With the holiday season behind us and a brand new year ahead, it is time to take careful stock of the family wardrobe needs for the coming year.

An extension clothing specialist at Rutgers University, says the beginning of the new year is a good time to check your clothes and dresser drawers and study their contents. Were you pleased with last year's purchases and did they give maximum satisfaction?

If your clothing plan for last year did not prove satisfactory, why not get busy now and make a suitable one for the new year?

"To make the best use of your clothing dollar, be certain to make a clothing plan for spending," she suggests. "Much money can be wasted on costly purchases, such as coats or suits, if you are not thinking in terms of your total plan."

"Take an inventory of what you have on hand with each person in the family having his own list. Now, make a list of new clothes each person will need to round out his wardrobe for serviceability and attractiveness."

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Graves Is Glad He Ran for Governor

Richard P. Graves, Democratic candidate for Governor in the November election, made his first public address since the election at a meeting of the Democratic Forum Luncheon Club at the Showboat restaurant last week.

Graves said it was appropriate to make his first post-election talk here since Alameda county went for him and against Knight in the voting.

"If I had known at the start I would be defeated, I'd have gone ahead just the same," said Graves. "The good of the campaign outweighed the bad. I like to believe that I strengthened our party."

The standard bearer, now titular chief of the Democratic Party in California, then proceeded to give the labor people and others in attendance advice on the future handling of party affairs based on experience gained in the strenuous campaign.

Assemblyman Carlos Bee, elected to succeed Frank Dunn, Jr., now a Supervisor in the 13th District in the November election, and just completing his first period as a member of the Assembly, is the scheduled speaker for the Democratic Forum Luncheon Club meeting at the Showboat Thursday noon, Jan. 27.

Ruling on Recount For Crown Today

Today (Friday) the Assembly Rules Committee is scheduled to make a recommendation on the petition of Robert W. Crown, Democrat, for a recount in the 14th Assembly District in Alameda County.

Incumbent Republican Randal F. Dickey in the official tally was credited with winning against Crown by 54 votes.

First Graders Put On Double Sessions

About 330 first grade students at Manzanita and Santa Fe Elementary Schools were ordered to go on double sessions in the coming spring semester by the Oakland Board of Education this week.

The board also approved a 4-page booklet to be mailed next week to city residents. The booklet contains such pertinent information as the fact that three times as many residents are now entering the lower grades than are graduating. It also notes that this city's school tax rate is the lowest in Alameda County and that the Oakland electorate has twice in the past year failed to approve bond issues for school construction.

The January 13 San Diego Labor Leader, published by the San Diego Labor Council, states that it is glad to print McKinnon's side of the story, as it has often been critical of the monopoly press in San Diego for refusing to print both sides of a story, particularly as it affects labor. Because we do not want to be guilty of the same offense, we herewith print Mr. McKinnon's statement in full."

JOSEPH FRANCIS O'NEIL, a member of Butchers 120, passed away in Richmond on January 16 at age 71 leaving a son, Joseph C.; a daughter, Mrs. Mary J. Powers; two grandchildren; and one great grandchild.

Even with today's high wage, I believe the average hourly wage is about \$2.

With the difference in today's expenditures and the early 1900s, we should get at least \$2 for each haircut...

—DEAN WOOLDRIDGE.
Oakland.

Zellerbach Sponsors Printing Week Exhibit

As a feature of Printing Week, which ends tomorrow, (Saturday) the Zellerbach Paper Company sponsored a showing of the American Institute of Graphic Arts exhibit in the concert room of the Sheraton-Palace Hotel in San Francisco.

Advertisements, books, magazines, brochures and other specimens of good graphic arts work are shown. The exhibit closes at 9 p.m. tonight (Friday.)

ROBERT H. JAMES, a member of Photo Engravers 8, died here on January 15.

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His Side of Story Told by McKinnon, Daily News Seller

Clinton D. McKinnon in a statement published by the San Diego Labor Leader tells his side of the story of the sale of the Los Angeles Daily News to the reactionary Chandler interests.

McKinnon was publisher of the Los Angeles Daily News, and the Los Angeles Labor Council adopted a resolution some time ago condemning his sale of the paper.

McKinnon says that the Daily News had been sick financially for seven years when toward the end of 1953, he was "approached by W. J. Bassett, secretary of the Central Labor Council in Los Angeles, and several other labor leaders, as well as several wealthy Democrats."

PROMISES MADE

These people, says McKinnon, persuaded him to take over the job of trying to save the paper: "Bassett promised, on behalf of labor, 50,000 new subscribers if I would take over the Daily News. The Democrats promised \$400,000 for financing, with certain strings tied to circulation increases and additional financials."

McKinnon says that "only 7000 of our circulation increase came from labor, far short of the 50,000 promised and needed. . . . And the wealthy Democrats, knowing that I was in, forgot their promises to help me finance a paper that was losing \$4000 every publishing day."

The banks finally shut off credit, the former publisher says, unions were threatening to strike for back pay, and the only offer he could get was one of \$275,000 for the circulation, name, and goodwill, made by the Chandler Times-Mirror:

"The \$275,000 from the Times Mirror meant no money for me. But it did mean paychecks for the employees. As a result of the sale, all current and retroactive wages were been deposited with the labor commission and there will be additional money for some fringe benefits." **'NOT ASHAMED'**

At the conclusion of his statement, McKinnon says:

"I am not ashamed of my effort to save the News... But I am amazed that the very forces I fought for, and the ones who did so little in return, are now the ones to be so critical. With so little performance by those who promised so much, the remarkable fact is that I kept the Daily News alive so long."

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Pipe Trades Meet Planned for April

By JIM MARTIN

The Executive Board of the California Pipe Trades Council, at their quarterly meeting, held in Los Angeles on January 15 and 16, made arrangements to hold the 1955 Pipe Trades Convention at the Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles on April 15, 16, and 17.

Local Unions 250, 78 and 709 of the United Association are the host Locals and have planned a very busy agenda for both the delegates and their wives, which will include a huge banquet on Saturday night, April 16.

This is one of the most important conventions to be held each year as it effects us directly as resolutions are adopted to bring about legislation to be passed which will bring about better wages and hours, such as, codes both in plumbing and heating and refrigeration, also, they have a general promotional program for bettering the industry.

Those present at the officer's meeting of Local 342, held on Monday, January 10, 1955, adopted a resolution to be presented at a special called meeting of the membership. Cards will be mailed to you advising you of the date of this meeting.

The resolution provides for an increase in dues, also provides for an increase for building trades journeymen initiation fees on all new applicants.

In checking with our sister Local Unions on a State basis, we find that most Locals have had to increase their dues or are anticipating doing so to balance the budget.

The life blood of any Local Union is the revenue it receives from the members as the extent on which the Union can operate depends upon the amount of dues it receives.

It is easy to criticize the past from the vantage point of years but our concern must be with our problems today and our plans for the future. In should be apparent to all that we cannot operate in 1955 on the basis of prior year's financing. This cannot be done in either business or trade union circles.

The cost of living and wage rates have both been going upward with increasing acceleration in the past fifteen years. The dues, on the other hand, have remained constant; in other words, the present dues indicate no upward trend to correspond with the increased cost of living and increase in wage level.

The increased cost of running a labor Union likewise has been in keeping with other advances. There are increased costs all along the line on every item which must be paid out in the business of operating a Union-rent, employment, utilities, travel, office, supplies, etc. No business would think of trying to operate in 1955 on the basis of standards of previous years.

The officers of 342 urge that you make every effort to be in attendance at the meeting that this resolution will be presented for adoption and keep Local 342 in front. We have always been a leading Local Union and are recognized by our sister, State and International Unions as such — in wages, hours and working conditions.

Hayward Culinary 823 Okay By-Laws Revision

An extensive revision of union by-laws was approved unanimously by members of Hayward Culinary Workers & Bartenders 823 at a meeting held on January 11.

Roy Woods, Local 823 secretary-treasurer, announced that the Local's action must first be approved by International Union President Ed S. Miller before it can become effective.

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Watchmakers Gird For Legal Battle

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

For the first time in the twenty years since the union has been chartered, I must write and say that, in my opinion, there is a definite effort being made to break down the standards established by the union.

John Carbone, 1414 Burlingame Ave., Burlingame, whom we are still picketing, is being used, in my opinion, for this purpose.

We are not quite sure who is behind John Carbone, but it definitely must be someone willing to spend money in an attempt to break the union, inasmuch as he has already taken his case to court on two occasions, both of which have been won by the union.

After losing two decisions whereby we are allowed to continue picketing, the union again is faced with another suit that will possibly be heard in the month of March.

Carbone is going to contend that the union is "price fixing" inasmuch as we publish a price list for watch repairs. He says this is illegal, therefore, to pick him as illegal.

We do not believe that the union can lose the case, but nobody knows for sure what will come out of a court decision until it is rendered.

Needless to say that should we be so unfortunate as to lose the decision, chaos and disaster will follow. The destruction of the wage structure and every other ethical practice that the union has established would be lost.

After reading this column, you will understand why the meeting on January 27 will be one of vital importance to every watchmaker in our union, whether he be an employee or a proprietor member. It may be necessary for another "first" in the history of our union, to adopt some sort of an assessment program to carry on this fight which the union cannot afford to lose.

A complete and full report will be made at the meeting on January 27 and again I urge each and every member of the union in the San Francisco-Bay Area, to be present at this meeting which will be held at the Native Sons Hall, 414 Mason St., San Francisco, at 7:30 p.m., January 27.

A detailed report on this issue will be made to the San Jose members at their next meeting.

IT'S A BOY FOR THE DONZELLI FAMILY!

Born on January 12th at 8 a.m. at the Kaiser Foundation Hospital. They have named this little fellow Mark and he weighed all of 6 lbs and 3 oz. Most of you members will remember Al Donzelli—he is quite a favorite among the younger watchmakers and aside from now being employed for Gensler-Lee Jewelers in Alameda, we must add that he is about the proudest papa we have had for a long time. Good luck Al, to you, Mrs. Donzelli, and that future watchmaker.

Ernie Mulgrew's Wife Passes on January 17

Teresa Wilcox Mulgrew, wife of the popular Teamster 70 business representative, Ernie Mulgrew, passed away in San Leandro on January 17 after a lengthy illness. Mrs. Mulgrew, a native San Franciscan, was a member of the East Bay Council of Catholic Nurses and an alumna of Mary's Help College of Nursing.

The Mulgrew family is part of a prominent East Bay pioneer clan.

Private services and interment were held Thursday, January 20.

Besides her widower, Mrs. Mulgrew's survivors include a son, Ernest W. Mulgrew, Jr.; a daughter, Mrs. Margaret Martocci; a brother, Joseph Wilcock; and a sister, Mrs. Agnes Hammond.

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Clerks and Lumber Handlers 939

Commencing January 1, 1955, dues will be increased 50 cents per month.

The next regular meeting of this Local will be held on Friday, January 14, 1955 in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland.

Your union officials wish to take this opportunity to extend to all of you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Fraternally,
JOSEPH BOTELHO, JR.
Financial Secretary

Hayward Painters 1178

Friday, January 21, is the date of our next regular meeting, and it will be held in the new hall at 1541 Mattox Road, Hayward.

Fraternally yours,
ROBERT G. MILLER,
Recording Secretary

Sheet Metal Workers 216

Death Assessments No. 368 and 369 are now due and payable. Brother Michael Fasano, No. 107461, a member of Local No. 126, passed away on December 19, 1954, and Brother James Tatton, No. 139471, a member of Local No. 75, Vallejo, passed away on December 24, 1954.

Fraternally,
LLOYD CHILD,
Business Representative

Painters, District Council 16

As a result of a referendum vote held throughout the area covered by the District Council of Painters No. 16 of the International Brotherhood of Painters, Decorators and Paper Hangers of America the minimum dues has been established by the District Council of \$4 per month.

The above action has been approved by our General Executive Board and made effective by action of the District Council as of January 1, 1955.

Fraternally yours,
LESLIE K. MOORE
Secretary Treasurer of the District Council of Painters No. 16

Garment Workers 'Labor' Solicitors Who Phone From N. Y. to Here May Lose Their Voices

S. A. Huntington of the AFL United Garment Workers conferred with Central Labor Council Secretary Robert S. Ash and others in the Bay Area recently on the problem his union has faced since the Black Manufacturing Company's "Black Bear" brand of apparel ceased to be a union label product.

Checking displays in East Bay stores he found conditions better than in some other cities. United Garment Workers 131 with headquarters in San Francisco has the jurisdiction here. Emma Brunsch is business representative. Andy Ahern, international representative, is studying the problem in this area.

Culinary Exec Board Officers Reelected

All incumbent officers of Local Joint Executive Board of Culinary Workers and Bartenders were returned to office for 1-year terms in an election held here on January 10.

Reelected were James Murphy, Bartenders 52, president; H. J. Badger, Cooks 228, secretary-treasurer; and Bea Slettum, Culinary Workers 31, vice president.

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EDITORIALS

Knight Would Load Sales Tax Dice Against Us Still More!

Governor Knight in the budget he has presented to the Legislature proposes to increase greatly the reliance of the State upon sales taxes.

Already 63% of the total revenue of the State comes from sales taxes. That is, some 37% comes from general sales taxes, recognized specifically as such, and 26% from selective sales taxes called by other names. But they're all sales taxes, and they supply 63% of the State's total revenue.

Sales taxes, organized labor has argued for years, fall heaviest on those least able to pay.

What proportion of its tax money does our State get from those most able to pay? The answer is illuminating: Only 7% of the total income of the State comes from individual income taxes, 10% from corporate net income taxes, 2% from estate and gift taxes; and 18% from other taxes, with a very small amount from severance taxes.

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California is now the second State in the Union. How does its tax structure correspond with the tax structure of the first State in the union, New York? That's an interesting question, because New York State is generally considered not only the home of Wall Street, but its citadel. And until Thomas Dewey went out the other day, it had had a Republican Governor for oh these many years.

So how does New York State tax? Answer: 51.3% of its total revenue comes from personal and corporate income taxes, as compared to the measly 17% which our State collects from personal and corporate income taxes.

Then take Oregon, considered a conservative State. Until Dick Neuberger was elected to the Senate recently by a narrow margin, Oregon hadn't had a Democratic Senator for half a century. Yet Oregon gets 47.7% of its revenue from personal and corporate income taxes as compared to the scrawny 17% collected from such sources in our State.

Perhaps I can say best what I have in mind by recalling the old "bull" once pulled by a reviewer: The author never falls below his average of excellence and usually far exceeds it.

In other words, you are doing a good job. Keep it up and more power to you.

Sincerely yours,
CHARLES A. GULICK

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OPINIONS

NO DULL ISSUES OF THIS PAPER!

With a check for renewal of subscription, and saying that he had read a friend's copy of East Bay Labor Journal for some time before subscribing, Professor Charles A. Gulick, economic department, University of California, sent the following letter, which needless to say it was a very great pleasure to receive:

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